

was a violation of the treaty, but that, left and now, I mean, the time to act.

**Large Fire in Jersey City.**  
At a late hour last night a fire broke out in Montgomery street, between Greene and Washington, as a reported in the upholstery establishment of Messrs. Brown & Earle. The flames soon extended to the tailoring establishment of Mr. Farrier, and the tea store of Mr. Donovan. The fire then spread with great rapidity, and the Jersey City firemen finding themselves unable to subdue it, dispatched a messenger for assistance from this city. Columbian Engine Company No. 14, speedily repaired to the scene of destruction, accompanied by a large number of the members of other companies.

The fire was still raging at the hour this sheet was put to press, and it was probable that the entire block would be destroyed.

Owing to the lateness of the hour we were unable to obtain more detailed particulars.

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**The Executions To-Day at the Tombs of Samuel and Howlett, for the Murder of Charles Baxter.**

**CONFESSION OF THE CONDEMNED PRISONERS SAMUEL AND HOWLETT—INCIDENTS IN PRISON, ETC.**

Notwithstanding the impediments thrown in our way by Mr. Edmunds, the keeper of the City Prison, our reporter yesterday afternoon obtained access to the two

unfortunate men under sentence of death, and procured their confession, through the kindness of a gentleman, to whom, we are happy to say, is entirely unconnected with the Tomb. We venture to express a hope that should we have on any future occasion to perform a like dis-

agreeable duty, that the means of ingress will be given to us with at least the same facility as is afforded to the representatives of other journals in this city, so that we shall not again have to complain that the public sec-

Saul and Howlett appear perfectly unmoved at their dreadful situation, and, as will be seen by the confession below, deny most absolutely and entirely the commission of any other murder than the one for which they will suffer to day.

They admitted to us that they had been guilty of numerous robberies, but, as Howlett expressed it, "with the exception of a bloody one or so, in a street mass, we have never taken life." Howlett, who cannot write, affixed his cross to the confession, but Saul signed his name in a bold, firm hand.

THE CONFESSION.

In addition to the disclosures already made, and published in the conference of 1854, I solemnly asseverate that I have made no other, and that I have no other to make. I have never been connected with any crime involving bloodshed besides the offence for which I am to suffer. The reports which, I am pained to hear, have been circulated to my prejudice, in this respect, are unfounded and unwarranted by me and by every circumstance of my life. Wicked as I may have been, I have never been so lost as to delight in murder, but, on the contrary, I have been ever ready to sacrifice myself for the faithful attendance to be by spiritual advisers, and am grateful for every attention and kindness that have been shown.

In addition to this, I wish to say that it is falsely reported of us all that we have refused spiritual assistance and advice; but, on the contrary, we have always desired it, and always received it. This is due, as well to ourselves

(Signed) **WILLIAM SAUL**, **X mark.**

In the presence of the prisoners' counsel.

Considerable exertion has been manifested by the friends of the condemned, for the purpose of procuring a reprieve, or a commutation of their awful sentence. Yesterday morning, a rumor existed that Governor Seymour had granted a commutation for Johnson, assigning him to the State prison during his natural life. About one o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Cochrane, the counsel for the prisoners, arrived from Albany, bringing with him the communication on which the Governor had acted. Mr. Cochrane proceeded at once to the prison, and on the

fact being communicated to Johnson. He was so overjoyed that he sprang into the arms of the deputy keeper, and kissed him as if he were his own brother. Johnson appeared like another man, expressing himself in the most grateful manner for the Executive clemency thus shown.

During the day several of the Governors of the Alms house, Judges, Aldermen, and other citizens of note, visited the cells of the condemned, and conversed with the unhappy wretches. The mother of Horriat had four children—three brothers and a sister-in-law, and Saul by her mother's sister, and brother-in-law. At about six o'clock they all sat down at supper; some of the relatives and the condemned. The mother of Horriat lived in her arm's child about two years old, belonging to her married son, while she paced backwards and forwards in her cell, until it became dark, without finding rest or extreme mental distraction. The rest of the family were also undergoing a painful trial, by the separation from

The mother and sisters of Saul looked upon him for the last time, and the aged parent bade a last adieu to her erring son. The scene was affecting in the extreme. The group was speechless with grief, and tears flowed copiously from each member of the afflicted family. They at length took their final leave of him, and he was led with agonizing steps to the gallows.

with the Rev. Frank A. R. Spear. Upon recovering a little, Said said, "I feel reconciled, but my mother, oh! God, my mother!" In a short time afterwards he said, "I have never been concerned in a murder but this one; fired the pistol, but I did not know that I had killed a man until I was told of it afterwards." From this he appeared as if his brain wandered a little; and, as if speaking un-

consciously, he said, "I feel as if I had lost a sum of money and could not find it." Then arousing himself, he turned to Mr. Spear and asked him, "Do you believe in Christ Jesus?" The reverend gentleman replied, "Yes, I do. I know he will hear our prayers." The condemned man then made an inclination, as if he wished some religious exercises to be read. Mr. Spear read the beautiful

Replied to an inquiry of Mr. Spear, Johnson said :- "I feel very bad," Bowlett, and Saul were like brothers.

to me, and now I must bid them good bye." He then asked the clergyman, "Will you come to me again?" Mr. Spear replied, "I will." During this time, Howlett was in his cell with the Roman Catholic priest, where a high mass will be said for him this morning, previous to his death. The Rev. Mr. Spear did not leave his penitent until late last night.

The mechanical apparatus designated a gallows, has been erected in the prison yard, ready to do its work of death. Sheriff Orser has deputed several hundred citizens to witness the execution, which is expected to take place between the hours of ten and two, unless some reprieve or commutation is received from Albany which is scarcely to be anticipated.

Last evening the soft shell portion of the General Committee, endorsed by the sachems, met at the "coal hole" in Tammany Hall, D. E. Pelevan, in the chair. Not only did the hard shell members break aloof, but with one or two exceptions the whole of that party were invisible. The understanding among them was not to recognize in an underhand manner the organization which met last night. The dis-

puted wards were called, and the soft shells of course had it all their own way. The certificated members from the First, Sixth, Seventh, Twelfth and Fifteenth wards did not appear, and new elections were ordered. The tickets headed by Alderman Francis was admitted from the Tenth

ward, and the ticket headed by John Kelly from the 14th ward was received, on the ground that both sides were irregular, and, therefore, the soft shells had the best right to the election. In the Tenth ward the Inspectors held the election in one place and the Ward Committee in another. The soft shells were indorsed by the Ward Committee, and not by the Inspectors. From the Fourteenth ward the

First ward—Messrs. Egan, Woods, and Fletcher; Sixth ward—Messrs. Moser, Mabbett, and Emerson. Second

ward—Messrs. Murphy, Shobe, and Faron; Seventeenth ward—Messrs. Walters, Irving, and Miner; Twelfth ward—Messrs. Donnelly, McCarthy, and Andros; Fifteenth ward—Messrs. Purser, Ryer, and Faron. The election will be held on Wednesday next, from twelve to two o'clock P.M. The committee adjourned to Thursday evening next, for permanent organization.

**Brooklyn City Intelligence.**  
FIRE.—About noon yesterday, a fire broke out in the carpenter's shop of Francis D. Norris, in State street, between Boerum and Court streets, and was entirely contained, together with a large portion of the contents.

among them ten chests of tools, belonging to the journey men employed in the establishment. The fire originated from the stove, at dinner time, while the workmen were absent. An adjoining shop, belonging to Messrs. Ruxton & Mathews, was slightly damaged. Mr. Norris's loss amounts to \$1,000, and that of his employes about the same. No insurance.

**Naval Intelligence.**  
The United States steamer John Hancock started from the Navy Yard yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, supposed on an experimental trip, as a number of alterations have been recently made in her hull and machinery.

**Domestic Miscellany.**  
The turpentine distillery of Mr. Flanner, at Warrington, N. C., has been destroyed by fire.  
The capital stock of the New Orleans, Jackson

The Supreme Court of Boston adjourned on the 23d inst., on account of the illness of Judge Cushing.